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Examiner: T.M. Argenbright
Title: CYLINDER BANK WORK OUTPUT BALANCING
BASED ON EXHAUST GAS A/F RATIO
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Sir:

A Notice of Allowability was issued for the above-identified case on August 16, 2004. The Notice of Allowability indicated that claims 1 – 19 are allowed and Figure 1 was objected to because it includes solid block shading not permitted by 37 CFR 1.84(m).

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. Figure 1 has been amended to remove the solid block shading. The attached "Replacement Sheet", which includes Figures 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet

including Figures 1 and 2. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

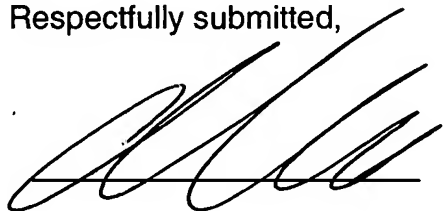
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the favorable consideration of claims 1 – 19 and looks forward to prompt and favorable consideration of Figure 1 as amended herein. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (313) 665-4969.

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Enclosure

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